Nominalization

A. Compare the sentences:

Most people would agree that regular exercise is important. (general English)	There is widespread **agreement** about the **importance** of regular exercise. (academic English)

B. Rewrite the sentences by changing the verbs in **bold** into nouns.

1. Political candidates need **to perform** well during a TV debate.

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2. Our city needs **to assess** its recycling system.

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3. **I hope** my English students will use this book.

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4. The police **investigated** the robbery.

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5. The Japanese **invaded** Korea in 1592.

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6. This sentence **illustrates** the problems with nominalization.

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7. We can't understand what the professors **means**.

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C. Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined words with a suitable noun phrase.

1. The journal reported that prehistoric remains **had recently been discovered** in Colombia.
   *The journal reported the **recent discovery** of prehistoric remains in Colombia*.

2. The report had not recognised **how severe global warming would be** in this century.

   The report had underestimated ____

3. The only way **to diagnose the disease accurately** is to obtain a blood sample.

   A(n) ______________________________________ depends on obtaining a blood sample.

4. Many countries are **dangerously dependent on oil** as a source of energy.

   Many countries have ______________________________________ as a source of energy.

5. **You can insure yourself against losing your income** if you become **unemployed**.

   There is ____

   caused by ____

6. Piaget is known for his studies of the **way children developed intellectually**.

   Piaget is known for his studies of ____

D. Adjectives into nouns: write the appropriate noun in the second sentence, so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. The scene was so beautiful that it took her breath away.

   The ______________________ of the scene took her breath away.

2. They measured how wide the road was.

   They measured the ________________________ of the road.

3. The fact that he was thin put off directors.

   His ________________________ put off the directors.

E. Combine the sentences replacing the adjective with a noun:

1. My sister was cheerful. This made me forget all my troubles.

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2. The Mosque's foundations are strong. This stopped it from collapsing in the earthquake.

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3. The crate is heavy. It slowed Ram's progress.

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